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AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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TAGS: EAID, AG

SUBJECT: TRANS-SAHARAN GRAIN SHIPMENT TO NIGER

REFS: ALGIERS 0718, DAKAR 1622 AND 2014

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED GRAIN SHIPMENT PAPERS WITH SNTR AND SONATMAG. SNTR HAS EXPLANATION FOR EVERYTHING AND SONATMAG IS WORKING ON ISSUES RAISED.

2. SNTR GAVE TO EMBASSY ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO 2ND TRANS-SAHARA GRAIN SHIPMENT TO NIGER ON NOVEMBER 26. EMBASSY PASSED ALL DOCUMENTS ON TO DEPT. IN 4 ENVELOPES WHICH WERE RECEIVED BY DEPT. ON DECEMBER 5. REVIEW OF SNTR'S COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS SHOW THAT NO BON DE RECEPTIONS WERE RECEIVED BY SNTR AT END OF TRIP IN NIGER. SNTR POINTS OUT THAT CONTRACT ONLY OBLIGES THEM TO CARRY SORGHUM TO SITES SELECTED BY USAID WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNLOADING. BON DE RECEPTIONS ARE PART OF UNLOADING, SO THIS OVERSIGHT IS USAID'S FAULT. THIS ARGUMENTATION ALSO APPLIES TO COUNT OF BAGS DELIVERED IN NIGER. REGARDLESS OF MERITS OF ARGUMENT, THERE IS NO QUESTION BON DE RECEPTIONS DO NOT EXIST, AND IT IS RATHER LATE TO INSIST ON THEM THERE IS NO QUESTION WHEAT WAS CARRIED BY

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SNTR FROM ALGIERS TO SITES IN NIGER, SO PAYMENT

SHOULD BE MADE IF POSSIBLE DESPITE THESE TECHNICAL LACUNAI.
IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, PLEASE ADVISE.

3. THERE IS SOME QUESTION ON THE TONNAGE SHIPPED.
1500 TONS OF WHEAT RECEIVED ALGIERS. DUE TO
LOADING SITUATION SOME TRUCKS WERE KNOWINGLY SENT
SOUTH WITHOUT FULL LOAD, BUT USG OBLIGATED TO
PAY TRUCK CAPACITY WHICH WAS 1640 TONS. ACTUALLY
SOME SORGHUM LOST IN LOADING AND UNLOADING, SO
WEIGHT MIGHT BE A SHADE UNDER 1500 TONS. WILLIAM
GILL OF AID ABIDJAN ARRANGED ALL OF THIS AND CAN
FURTHER EXPLAIN TONNAGE FIGURES IF NECESSARY.

4. SNTR INVOICE FOR DA 115,200 NOT INCLUDED IN
NOV. 26 LETTER BECAUSE, AS LETTER SAYS, IT HAD
PREVIOUSLY BEEN GIVEN TO GILL. EMBASSY IS POUCHING
NEW COPY TO DAKAR BY OPEN INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL. THIS
INVOICE COVERS COST OF HOLDING
TRUCKS BEFORE WHEAT LOADED. GILL OBTAINED APPROVAL
FOR THIS EXPENSE BECAUSE OF URGENCY OF SHIPPING
WHEAT SOUTH AND IF WE LOST TRUCKS, AM MAJOR DELAY
WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED.

5. CAN'T EXPLAIN INVOICES 135473 AND 135215.
AM SENDING COPIES OF DECLARATION D'EXPETITION
GIVEN TO EMBASSY BY SNTR.

6. WITH THESE ANSWERS, CAN SNTR INVOICES BE
RAPIDLY PROCESSED? WILL CABLE RESULTS OF TALKS
WITH SONATMAG WHEN THEY ANSWER QUESTIONS. LYNE

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